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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: RECLAMATION
AND REVEGETATION OF DISTURBED LAND (02.05-31)

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM SOVIET LEADER OF
SUBJECT PROJECT, M. GRISHAYEV, TO HIS US COUNTERPART
DONALD CALHOUN. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS
PARA 2 BELOW. ORIGINAL POUCHED TO SHOSTAL, REGISTRY NO.
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2. DEAR MR .CALHOUN:

IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 14, 1978, I INFORM
YOU THAT PROCEEDING FROM THE UNDERSTANDING REACHED DURING
THE VISIT OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION IN THE USA AND
ACCORDING TO THE MEMORANDUM OF THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE
US-USSR COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRON-
MENTAL PROTECTION THE DRAFT PROGRAM OF THE VISIT OF THE
AMERICAN DELEGATION IN THE USSR PROVIDES FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- VISIT TO ONE OF THE SITES OF LARGE-SCALE MINING OF
MINERAL RESOURCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF FAMILIARIZATION WITH
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SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND PRACTICAL WORK ON MINE ENGINEERING
AND BIOLOGICAL LAND RECLAMATION. THE ORDZHONIKIDZE
MINING ENRICHMENT PLANT IS ONE OF THE PLANTS TO BE VISITED
BY THE DELEGATION;

- FAMILIARIZATION WITH THE CLASSIFICATION OF SPOILED LANDS,
THE CLASSIFICATION OF FERTILE SOIL AND ROCK LAYERS ACCORD-

ING TO THEIR FITNESS FOR BIOLOGICAL RECLAMATION, JOINT WORK
ON COMPILING A RUSSIAN-ENGLISH AND ENGLISH-RUSSIAN
DICTIONARY ON LAND RECLAMATION. WORK ON THE
ABOVE PROBLEMS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN MOSCOW. THEREFORE YOU
SHOULD STATE WHICH DELEGATES WILL WORK IN MOSCOW AND WHICH
IN ORDZHONIKIDZE.

AS IT WAS AGREED, THE SOVIET SIDE WILL RECEIVE A DELEGATION
OF 4 AMERICAN SPECIALISTS IN JULY 16-28, 1978.

WE THINK IT ADVISABLE TO ARRANGE THE VISIT OF A SOVIET
DELEGATION IN THE USA AIMED AT FAMILIARIZATION WITH METHODS
OF HYDROLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS ON TERRITORIES WITH
DESTROYED SOILS AS WELL AS METHODS OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
AND PRACTICAL WORK ON LAND RECLAMATION IN COAL FIELDS WITH
SULFIDES CONTAINING SOILS WITHIN THE PERIOD JUNE 27 THROUGH
JULY 9, 1978 I.E., PRIOR TO THE VISIT OF THE AMERICAN
DELEGATION IN THE USSR. THE SOVIET DELEGATION WILL BE
COMPOSED OF THREE MEMBERS.

WE SHOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR OPINION CONCERNING ALL THESE
QUESTIONS. ON RECEIVING YOUR REPLY WE SHALL START WORKING
OUT THE PROGRAM OF THE VISIT OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION
IN THE USSR.

WITH BEST WISHES, M. GRISHAYEV. TOON

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